



RECEIVED SOR

SEP 2 7 2005

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
HEARING DIVISION

September 26, 2005

Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Attn: Marc E. Stern

Administrative Law Judge

Dear Honorable Marc E. Stern,

Attached please find copies of notification to the Ho-Tye Water Company customers per Procedural Order Docket No. W-02054A-97-0127 and Docket No. W-03340A-97-0127 dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

Sincerely,

Thom Long

Woody's Enterprises, Ltd

Enc.

cc: Linda A. Jaress, Executive Consultant III

RECEIVED

1005 SEP 27 P 3:

A7 CORP COMMISSI

#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

2	JEFF HATCH-MILLER, Chairman
_	WILLIAM A. MUNDELL MARC SPITZER
3 1	MARC SDITTER

MARC SPITZER
MIKE GLEASON
KRISTIN K. MAYES

APPLICATION OF HO-TYE WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF SALE OF ASSETS AND/OR TRANSFER OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO WOODY'S

CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO WOODY'S ENTERPRISES, LTD.

DOCKET NO. W-02054A-97-0127 DOCKET NO. W-03340A-97-0127

## PROCEDURAL ORDER

### BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 12, 1997, Ho-Tye Water Company ("Applicant" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval of the sale of its assets and transfer of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to Woody's Enterprises, Ltd. ("WEL").

On April 18, 1997, the Company filed certification that public notice of the application had been delivered to all four customers of the Company and also published in a newspaper of general circulation. In response thereto, no protests were received by the Commission.

Through lack of prosecution, the Application was not processed, but remained pending.

On August 22, 2005, by Procedural Order, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") was directed to file a response or request for administrative closure of this docket not later than September 12, 2005.

On September 12, 2005, Staff filed its Staff Report which recommends approval of the sale of assets and transfer of the Company's Certificate to WEL. Staff indicates that it has been in contact with WEL's general manager who has informed Staff that the sale and transfer were completed without Commission approval. In its report, Staff notes that no complaints have been logged against either the Company or WEL in the past three years and there are no compliance delinquencies. Additionally, WEL is in good standing with the Commission's Corporation's Division and files timely annual reports with Staff with respect to the operation of the utility. Staff is basing its recommendation for approval primarily on the fact that there have been no complaints against the Company for a number of years and the Company in large part has been operated in a compliant

fashion.

1

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

2 Accordingly, while a hearing would normally be held in this instance, since Staff is 3 recommending that no hearing be held, it will be necessary for the Company and/or WEL to renotice 4 its customers of the application and Staff's recommendations to provide the customers with an 5 opportunity to respond if they wish to do so. Therefore, attached to this Procedural Order is a copy of 6 the Staff Report submitted to the Commission which contains Staff's recommendations. 7 Company and/or WEL should provide a copy of this Procedural Order together with the attached 8 Staff Report to each of its customers. If any customer has any objections to the proposed transfer 9 as set forth, they should file, within 14 days from the date of receipt of the Procedural Order, 10 with the Commission's Consumer Affairs Section of the Utilities Division, 1200 West 11 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, any objections thereto. In the event that protests 12 are filed, a hearing will be scheduled. If no protests are filed, the matter will be presented to the 13 Commission for its approval as recommended by Staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Ho-Tye Water Company and/or Woody's Enterprises, Ltd., shall provide, by September 23, 2005, a copy of this Procedural Order and attached Staff Report to each of its customers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ho-Tye Water Company and/or Woody's Enterprises, Ltd., shall file, not later than September 29, 2005, with Docket Control, certification that public notice of this proceeding has been made to each of its customers by distributing a copy of this Procedural Order with attached Staff Report to each of its customers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that no protests or objections to the transfer are received within 14 days after receipt of this Procedural Order by any customer, the matter will be submitted to the Commission for its approval.

day of September, 2005

MARC E. STERN

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

27

26

28

	DOCKET NO. W-0203411-97 0
1	Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this day of September, 2005 to:
2	Woody's Enterprise, Ltd. 580 W. Wickenburg Way Wickenburg, AZ 85390
4	Matthew Long
5	c/o Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard and Smith Phoenix Plaza, Tower II
6	2929 N. Central, Ste. 1700 Phoenix, AZ 85012
7	Christopher Kempley, Chief Counsel
8	Legal Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
9	1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007
10	Ernest G. Johnson, Director
11	Utilities Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
12	1200 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007
13	- mah
14	By: VVVVV  Molly Johnson
15	Secretary to Marc E. Stern
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	

# STAFF REPORT UTILITIES DIVISION ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

# HO-TYE WATER COMPANY DOCKET NOS. W-02054A-97-0127 AND W-03340A-97-0127

APPLICATION FOR SALE OF ASSETS AND TRANSFER OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND ASSETS

TO

WOODY'S ENTERPRISES, LTD.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2005** 

#### STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Staff Report for Ho-Tye Water Company (Docket No. W-02054A-97-0127 and W-03340A-97-0127) was prepared by the Staff member shown below.

> Linke A Janen Linda A. Jaress

Executive Consultant III

Ho-Tye Water Company W-02054A-97-0127 and W-03340A-97-0127 Page 1

On March 12, 1997, Ho-Tye Water Company ("Ho-Tye") filed an application for approval of the sale of assets and/or transfer of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to Woody's Enterprises, Ltd. ("Woody's"). On the date of filing, Ho-Tye served four customers in Wikieup, Arizona in Mohave County. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a map of the certificated area. To aid the reader, the area at issue is in Section 27. After the transfer, the company name would remain "Ho-Tye".

On April 18, 1997, Ho-Tye filed the public notice it delivered to its customers regarding the sale and transfer and an Affidavit of Publication of the notice which was published in the Kingman Daily Miner on April 6, 1997. Since then, there has been no activity in these dockets. On August 22, 2005, an Administrative Law Judge issued a Procedural Order, ordering Staff to "make a filing updating the Commission on the status of this matter or close the file administratively" no later than September 12, 2005.

Staff contacted the General Manager of the company who said that the transfer was completed without Commission approval. He also said that the company is currently serving four customers.

The Consumer Services Section has logged no complaints under the names Ho-Tye or Woody's Enterprises over the past three years. The Compliance Section reports no delinquencies. With less than 15 customers, this company does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and is not subject to the new arsenic standards. Woody's is in good standing with the Corporations Division and files timely Annual Reports with the Utilities Division.

Under the unusual circumstances of this case, Staff recommends approval of the transfer of assets and CC&N from Ho-Tye to Woody's and staff further recommends that the Commission's Open Meeting be considered the hearing required for approval. This recommendation is based upon the age of the case, the costs of a formal hearing, the small number of customers, the lack of customer complaints and the limited opportunity for the Company to expand.



September 20, 2005

Eloy Armendariz Wikieup, AZ 85360

Dear Customer,

As you are aware approximately nine years ago Woody's Enterprises, Ltd. purchased the Ho-Tye Water Co. and have continued to serve you under the state regulations for a water utility company. Due to the lack of official approval by the Arizona Corporation Commission, we were requested to re-notify all customers of the change of ownership through the Procedural Order enclosed. The staff has recommended approval of the sales transaction. You will find their written Staff Report enclosed.

We are here to serve you as your water utility company.

Sincerely,

Thom Long

Woody's Enterprises, Ltd.

U.S. Postal Service™ CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT (Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided) 0.37 UNIT ID: 0856 Certified Fee Return Reciept Fee (Endorsement Required) Postmark 1.75 Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required) Clerk: XYGMQO Total Postage & Fees \$ 4.42 09/20/05 ELOY ARMENDARIZ Street, Apt. No., or PO Box No. City, State, ZIP+

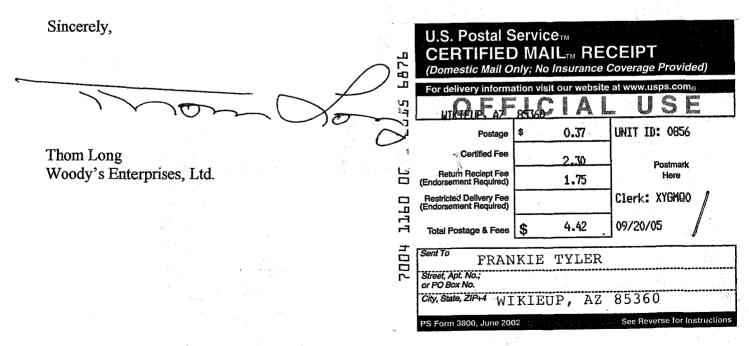
September 20, 2005

Frankie Tyler Wikieup, AZ 85360

Dear Customer,

As you are aware approximately nine years ago Woody's Enterprises, Ltd. purchased the Ho-Tye Water Co. and have continued to serve you under the state regulations for a water utility company. Due to the lack of official approval by the Arizona Corporation Commission, we were requested to re-notify all customers of the change of ownership through the Procedural Order enclosed. The staff has recommended approval of the sales transaction. You will find their written Staff Report enclosed.

We are here to serve you as your water utility company.





September 20, 2005

Lalo Siqueiros P.O. Box 1008 Wikieup, AZ 85360

Dear Customer,

As you are aware approximately nine years ago Woody's Enterprises, Ltd. purchased the Ho-Tye Water Co. and have continued to serve you under the state regulations for a water utility company. Due to the lack of official approval by the Arizona Corporation Commission, we were requested to re-notify all customers of the change of ownership through the Procedural Order enclosed. The staff has recommended approval of the sales transaction. You will find their written Staff Report enclosed.

We are here to serve you as your water utility company.

Sincerely,

Thom Long

Woody's Enterprises, Ltd.

U.S. Postal ServiceTM CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT 6969 (Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided) ы 201 \$ 0.37 UNIT ID: 0856 Postage 9000 Certified Fee 2.30 **Postmark** Return Reciept Fee (Endorsement Required) 1.75 7,160 Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required) Clerk: XYGMQO 09/20/05 4.42 Total Postage & Fees LALO SIQUEIROS O BOX 1008 or PO Box No. AZ 85360